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In the streets . . .

Hollywood Bowl Festival

The Survival Festival to End the Arms Race is being held at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. Call 213-937-0240.

May 21

Trident Civil Disobedience

Live Without Trident is calling for mass civil disobedience at the Trident Nuclear Submarine base in Bangor (near Seattle) Washington. Call 206-632-8323.

May 22

Religious Convocation

Religious people from all over the world will participate in a Celebration of Life, workshops, Interfaith Worship, and a dramatic religious procession to the UN in New York City. Call 212-964-6730.

May 25-26

Mass Rallies — New York City and San Francisco — May 27

In New York City, three marches will begin early in the morning which will feed into Bryant Park (42 Street and Sixty Avenue). At noon the main march will leave Bryant Park for Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47 Street and First Avenue). The rally will begin at 1 pm with speakers, entertainers, literature tables, guerilla theater, pagentry, and so forth. At 4 pm a small delegation will present petitions to Andrew Young at the U.S. Mission. Call 212-475-1180. In San Francisco, there will be a march from Union Square to the United Nations Plaza for a rally with speakers and entertainers. Events will be from 10 am to 3 pm. Call 415-626-6976.

Women's Gathering

A two and a half hour International Women's Gathering will be held in New York City to share information and develop cooperation among women's organizations, relate disarmament as a feminist issue, and see how we might want to participate in the 1979 UN "Year of the Child." Call 212-475-1180.

May 28

International MfS

A Conference of the International MfS will be held in New York City to hear reports of activists, plan international projects, link nuclear weapons and power, and build solidarity. To register, call 212-475-1180.

May 28-29

Seabrook

A mass nonviolent occupation and restoration of the nuclear power plant site in Seabrook, New Hampshire, is being organized by the Clamshell Alliance. For information and training, call 603-436-5415.

June 24

Sit-in for Survival — June 12

To dramatize the urgency of disarmament, stopping of nuclear power, and social justice, a mass nonviolent sit-in is being held at the United States Mission to the UN in New York City (45 Street and First Avenue). On Sunday June 11 there will be an orientation session and nonviolent training. On Monday, assembly will be in Bryant Park (41 Street and Sixty Avenue) at 10 am. We march from Bryant Park to the United States Mission, arriving about noon for the sit-in. There will be a support rally across from the Mission for those who do not wish to risk arrest. Call 212-475-1180 or 228-0450.

. . . and in the jails!

S. 1437: A THREAT TO OUR FREEDOMS

Cartoon by Bill Plympton.

by John Cort

On January 30, Senate Bill S.1437 was passed by the Senate by the overwhelming vote of 72—15. S.1437, the 'Son of S.1,' is the recodification of the Criminal Code which incorporates many of the worst aspects of S.1, last session's Nixon-Mitchell legacy. S.1437 has not been receiving the adverse publicity that helped to kill S.1, however, in large part because the censorship provisions, which the media so vocally opposed, have been dropped.

S.1 was killed largely due to the intense opposition of Senate liberals, led by Edward Kennedy. S.1437, however, has Kennedy's full support (as well as that of Carter and Attorney General Griffin Bell), which enabled it to sail through the Senate so quickly and smoothly. S.1437 has so many repressive aspects that people should work to defeat it, not to amend it, and the best way to do so would be to stop it in the House Judiciary Committee. People are therefore urged to write repeatedly to *all* the members of the committees, and especially to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice (Mann, chair, Holtzman, Hall, Gudger, Evans, Wiggins, and Hyde), which is beginning hearings on the bill, and urge their total opposition to the bill. If S.1437 is not defeated, the work of WRL and similar organizations will be severely hampered, and this country will move a giant step closer towards a police state. It is well to remember that both Hitler and Indira Gandhi used completely 'legal' means to seize power—and in an era when the Trilateral Commission is saying that this country has too much democracy for the good of capitalism, a similar scenario for the U.S. is not all that farfetched.

S.1437 (which is known in the House as H.R.6869) poses severe threats to the work of the War Resisters League. The basic thrust of the bill is to protect the government from opposition by curtailing the Constitutional rights of speech, assembly, and protest.

•S.1437 defines 'conspiracy' so broadly as to allow juries to prosecute anyone present at a meeting at which illegal activities are discussed which were later carried out.

•S.1437 would make criminal any political assembly which produced even incidental damage to a broad class of property (such as the Seabrook occupation, etc.).

•S.1437 defines 'blackmail' and 'extortion' so broadly as to potentially render almost any strike illegal, and open the door to widespread government intervention in strikes.

•S.1437 makes many of the forms used to protest the Vietnam war illegal. Picketing an induction center, or in any other way interferring physically with recruitment or induction would be punishable by up to 6 years in prison. Leaflets and other material opposing war which might reach the hands of people in the armed forces would be limited. Failure to obey a public safety order from *any* public servant to "move, disperse, or refrain from specified activity in a particular place" in any condition of risk of danger to a person or property would be a federal offense. Displaying a sign to influence a judicial proceding would also be illegal.

•S.1437 would make it illegal for a government employee to leak information documenting illegal actions by a government official or a government-contracted corporation.

•S.1437 contains many very harsh sentencing provisions, providing strict minimum sentences and no provisions for alternatives to prison sentences.

•S.1437 continues to allow surveillance of individuals and groups through wiretapping.

•S.1437 would make it illegal for a reporter to refuse to disclose a confidential source of information.

Obviously many of the most outrageous provisions of S.1437 would be challenged in the courts—but the present Supreme Court does not provide any guarantee that the provisions would not be upheld. Further, the provisions could be used very effectively to harass many organizations out of existence from constant arrests and expensive court battles. The only way to protect our freedoms is to defeat S.1437 in its entirety, before it is too late.

For more information on the bill, contact the ACLU (410 First St. SE, Washington, DC 20003), the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (510 C St. SE, Washington, DC 20003), or the Friends Committee on National Legislation (245 Second St. NE, Washington, DC 20002).

The Spring MfS Actions

As this issue of *WRL News* reaches you, the mass demonstrations and civil disobedience at Rocky Flats (Colorado) and Barnwell (South Carolina), and Sun Day Celebrations will be completed. WRL staff Grace Hedemann, Jim Peck, and Steve Ladd participated at Rocky Flats; Diane Spaugh, Steve Sumerford, and Igal Roodenko participated at Barnwell.

We hope many of you who can will be able to turn out for one or more of the events listed on the front page. From a number of areas, buses and car pools are being organized to the mass rallies on May 27 and the sit-in on June 12. Please call the numbers on the front page if you need a ride, have a ride, or can organize rides from your area. Those wishing to participate in the June 12 sit-in should call for information on training and affinity groups.

Searching for WRL's Role

The WRL Steering Committee sent three questions to key WRL people regarding problems and needs as we search for WRL's role in the several years ahead. Further discussion will appear in future issues. We had asked three questions. First, *have you found problems in your community relating the nuclear energy and nuclear weapons issues.* Second, *did the link [the "Save Our Communities" week of the mobilization] between the arms race and unmet human needs make sense to WRL people in your community and, more important, did it make sense to people in the "human needs" area—Third World Americans, working women, the unemployed, trade unionists, etc.* Third, *we have sensed that WRL, which has played so crucial a role in developing Mobilization for Survival, may be losing its own organizational identity in coalition work. How should WRL relate to coalitions and still maintain an organizational identity and effectiveness of its own.*

My response to the questions raised is based on limited recent activism because so much of my time and energy was devoted to editing the 1979 WRL "Prison" calendar. I can only speak from my own observations and do not represent them as shared by others in the Midwest.

(1) The main problem I see in relating the nuclear power and disarmament issues is that the former has become the latest "in" thing with some activists and they tend to emphasize it to the exclusion of the armaments issue. In the Dayton area an activist group has received considerable media attention by combining concern about nuclear power with demonstrations against power cut-offs and rate hikes. However, they do not mention the nuclear arms race in their actions. On the other hand, the recent national Human Rights conference at Antioch College included a number of participants who voiced both concerns and some of them made the relationship between them very clear. It is natural that certain groups and individuals will choose to focus in on specific issues. So far in this area we have not been able to cross over or to combine the issues effectively. Our WRL actions have emphasized the need for disarmament.

(2) The save-our-communities theme has tremendous potential for meaningful action, especially in smaller communities such as the one where I live. We have drawn on it for our leaflets in recent demonstrations though we have not done as much with it as we could have.

(3) I think this is a vital question which should be given considerable thought. We have been too willing in the past to have our (i.e., WRL and/or pacifist) emphasis negelcted in demonstrations which we helped to organize. We should be willing to work with almost any group on specific issues but I'm really tired of hearing advocates of armed struggle take cheap shots at nonviolence, often at oversimplified and mistaken understandings of nonviolence. When we are part of a coalition effort we should have a chance to have our say, not to badmouth others but to call attention to the power of active nonviolence which we will probably be alone in promoting. Our views have been excluded from rallies and large demonstrations far too often. Often by being just a bit more assertive we can get a hearing and my experience has been that when this is possible the reception for our ideas is often very good.

We do make an important contribution to those coalitions we choose to support. As David McReynolds has pointed out, we and a few other pacifists will probably be the only ones to raise the issue of conventional as well as nuclear disarmament in the MfS actions. This is an important emphasis and again one which many people will recognize as valid once we

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JOE FELMET CONFRONTS JIMMY CARTER

As President Carter spoke in Wait Chapel at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina March 17, he was personally confronted by Joe Felmet, longtime WRLer who presently is running for Congress.

Joe interrupted Carter's opening remarks by saying: "Mr. President, exercising my First Amendment right, I would like to give you some petitions to free the Wilmington 10."

In pursuit of this objective, over 8000 pickets circled the White House in Washington March 18. Representing WRL were Jim Peck (who also participated in the April 15 Washington demo to overturn the Bakke decision) and Steve Sumerford. Diane Spaugh journeyed to Nashville for a demo protesting the tennis match with South Africa. More than 2000 participated. (The Washington and Nashville demos took place on the same date.)

WRL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The War Resisters League affirms that war is a crime against humanity. We therefore are determined not to support any kind of war, international or civil, and to strive nonviolently for the removal of all the causes of war.

☐ I support this statement and wish to enroll as a member of the **War Resisters League**.

Signature .....

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WRL LOCALS AND PROGRAM

Washington University (St. Louis organizing meeting with Barbara Corr [right]) speaking.

Article and photos by Ed Hedemann

In an effort to build for the Spring MfS actions, get a better understanding of the needs and problems of WRL locals, and help promote local organizing, I was sent by WRL to visit most of the locals outside of the organized regional offices. We also wanted to find out what the effects were of the Continental Walk and Mobilization for Survival on building WRL locals.

From March 8 through March 28, I visited 8 of the 15 WRL locals as well as 3 other cities with WRL or MfS organizers. The 16 meetings I had were primarily with local organizers. What follows is a brief description of activities in the local areas.

Texas. Austin WRL no longer exists as such but there is the Texas Mobilization for Survival whose focus is the South Texas Nuclear Power Plant, scheduled for completion in the early 1980's. The activities of this group have been strictly educational so far—public meetings (with Barry Commoner, for example), leafleting and so forth. In March, they produced a detailed analysis of the South Texas Nuke for a Public Utilities Commission hearing and for the public. If these activities fail to stop the plant, then the group plans to shift into a more demonstrative gear. The support for anti-nuclear power work seems potentially powerful.

Bryan, Texas, is the home of Texas A & M, the school which boasts it produced more military officers for World War II than any other school in the country. A & M also has a weekly, noncredit evening class on nonviolence run by National Committee member Bobby Slovak. Bobby is doing a good job in developing interest in nonviolence, though Bryan has a ways to go before anything like a WRL local can develop.

The Dallas-Ft. Worth Peace Center is in the bewildering position of having too many potential targets, so it has been difficult to determine the best focus. There is a SAC base (Carswell), the Glen Rose nuclear Power plant, General Dynamics, and a whole host of other military industries.

A new anti-nuke organization called the Armadillo Coalition is putting its energies into opposing the Glen Rose plant. Plans are underway for a number of activities, including a balloon release this Spring.

Albuquerque. The WRL local has a *hard* core of about 4 people with a larger soft core of people who are involved with a number of groups. Though the local does not meet on a regular basis, its activity centers around Citizens Against Nuclear Threats (CANT). CANT is organizing opposition to the US government plans to make New Mexico a dumping ground for radioactive waste. Opposition to waste disposal is very popular and potentially very powerful.

There is a difference of opinion within CANT on nuclear weapons. Some people feel that to link nuclear weapons* with the waste issue would lose potential support among the citizenry. The WRLers are pushing hard to make that link. CANT maintains an office downtown which WRLer Dorie Bunting spends a lot of time staffing.

Minneapolis-St. Paul. The campus WRL/FOR group is quite small. Unfortunately, it was Spring break when I visited so I was unable to meet with anyone who has been actively involved with the group. The major movement activities (aside from the Native American struggle) revolve around the farmers opposition to the 400 KV power line to be strung across the state. Supporters in the Twin Cities have formed what they call the Live Wire Alliance. Power line opponents have made a lot of news lately for their demonstrations (4000 people in one early March action) and numerous arrests of people blocking construction machinery. Although the 400 KV line isn't from a nuclear power plant, opposition to nuclear power through the Northern Sun Alliance is very popular.

Madison. Though there is no WRL local in Madison it does have a couple of energetic MfS organizers, Lynne Tirrell and Tim Sperry. With the aid of

*The Albuquerque area is economically dependent on nuclear weapons research, development, production, and deployment, from the very beginning of nuclear weaponry.

others, in particular the local WILPF chapter, they are trying to develop educational activities which would lead into a Spring program. Plans are underway for a Memorial Day mock funeral of the Earth coupled with a peace festival wake. Also the possibilities of direct action around the transport of nuclear wastes through Madison. Stop signs will have "NUKES" painted on them.

Oak Park. Oak Park WRL has a solid core of 5 people including Ruth and George Dear, whose political activism dates back to the 30's. Meetings are held whenever there is an issue or event to discuss. Current focus has been on the Mobilization activities and nuclear power. Jim Lynch edits *Peace Action*, a newsletter reporting on local movement activities of groups such as WRL, FOR, Grey Panthers, WILPF, MfS, etc. The Grey Pantners (of which Ruth and George are an integral part) puts on a weekly radio program which has been terrifically successful and discusses a wide range of topics.

Columbia. Though the Columbia FOR/WRL is dormant, the Missouri Peace Study Institute (MPSI or "Mipsee" as it is called) is the main funnel for peace activities. The MPSI director, Nanci Lee Mon, was a long distance walker on the Continental Walk and on last year's Japanese Walk. There are differences within MPSI over the nuclear power issue—somewhat the reverse of Albuquerque. Some people are reluctant to openly oppose nuclear power because they are unsure about it or feel it might alienate a lot of supporters. However, it appears MPSI is moving in the direction of broadening its focus.

St. Louis. The St. Louis WRL, run by Scott and Audrey Aronson Myers, focuses on the Federal maximum security prison in Marion, Illinois. A demonstration is scheduled for April 22 against the brutal "behavior control" being practiced at Marion. Scott and Audrey have been very successful in their organizing efforts to bring attention to Marion.

St. Louis is another one of those cities loaded with potential targets for organizers. General Dynamics, prime contractor for the Trident submarine, will be subjected to a demonstration on May 22, coinciding with the mass civil disobedience in Bangor, Washington. St. Louis is also the home of McDonnell Douglas, the number one Defense contractor for 1976.

"Sheriff" Alan Fliegel of Evansville group taking out the garbage after an organizing meeting.

Local Mobilization for Survival activities have been making a strong move lately, largely through efforts of people like Barbara Corr. Dan Ellsberg spoke to several hundred people in March, followed by Terry Provance, then a Joanne Cazden benefit concert, and so forth. An organizing meeting at Washington University in March drew 25 people, where most of the discussion was on nuclear power and University complicity in the arms trade.

Evansville. The Direct Action Committee/WRL is in fine spirits as a result of a couple of guerilla theater skits they just put together. One deals with the neutron bomb and the other with Pentagon spending. It was covered on TV and plans were to have it on campuses and in communities during Save Our Communities Week. Aside from the propaganda value of the skits, it seems to be a great unifying force and a sense of accomplishment for the group. A lot of new people have gotten involved, including Alan Fliegel, an instructor in Criminology at the University of Evansville who is running for Sheriff. Direct Action Committee member Clark Field is also in the running—for City Council.

Detroit. The Detroit WRL, though not active in the conventional sense of a local group, has a core of people such as Vic Schumacher who are involved in

MPSI meeting in Columbia.

a flurry of activities such as talk shows, educattonal forums, and leafleting. Besides activities during Save Our Communities Week, there seems to be a lot of interest in opposing the building of the new Fermi reactor near Detroit.

Conclusions and Proposals

My role during this trip seemed to be more of one which encouraged those people and groups who needed it and to help the strong feelings of isolation which existed in many areas, as well as to learn about the numerous activities all over the country.

One thing came through quite clear as a result of this trip, nuclear power is a very strong issue which has terrific grass roots support. In this region of the country, Rocky Flats—which does a good job of linking nuclear weapons and power—is the key event outside of the local areas where attention is focused.

Out of all this good activity a serious problem has arisen . . . most organizers channel their activities either through MfS or anti-nuclear power groups. As a result there is no building of WRL groups; little organizing is done explicitly in WRL's name. Both the Continental Walk and the Mobilization for Survival activated many people, but these people were *not* activated into WRL organizing. Historically, WRL has played a role in starting and working heavily within coalitions, but with little attempt to create a specific WRL role. If WRL were to have such a clearly defined role, then local organizers would have more of an incentive to build WRL locally.

A few months ago, WRL/West organizer Steve Ladd suggested that a campaign against "local nuclear weapons facilities" be established as WRL's focus and project. This would be WRL's contribution to the total Mobilization for Survival program. This would not mean that WRL would become a single issue organization. The nuclear weapons facilities would be used as a *handle*, making links to all weapons, social justice issues, and so forth. Such a project would more clearly establish WRL's image, give a rationale for WRL local groups to form, build the membership, and stimulate contributions.

Ed Hedemann is on the WRL staff.

Bryan, Texas, nonviolence class with Bobby Slovak (left) speaking.

A "Mugging Story" With A Happy Ending

by Jim Peck

When I re-entered the Peace Building April 10 with my container of soup for lunch, a middle-aged black man dashed in behind me. Half way up the stairs, he confronted me, pulled out a razor blade and said: "Give me all your money." I let him go through my pockets. He extracted 7 singles. Then, he held them out toward me as if to return them.

My first thought was that he might be pissed at the smallness of the sum (he had neglected 2 tens, which were in my other pocket) and that if I reached out to take it, he might cut me up with the razor blade. He still was holding the blade in his other hand as if ready to strike.

Seeing my hesitation, he explained that he had just been robbed by two blacks and a white and he mistook me for the white. So, I took back my money from him and proceeded upstairs in bewilderment, as he went downstairs and out the door.

(I was mugged in Harlem in August 1976. My pockets were emptied of $11, but I was not physically harmed.)

Which brings me to the commercial for WRL's new reprint of Carey McWilliams's excellent article, AFTER YOU'RE MUGGED—must *reading for persons who have turned racist as a consequence of being mugged or ripped off. Single copies free, $1 a hundred.*

Jim Peck is editor of WRL News

W.R.L. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING N.O.W. BOYCOTT AGAINST NON-ERA STATES

Whereas, equal rights under the law should not be denied to any person;

Whereas, all women, children and men should have control and determination over their own lives and their own futures;

Whereas, the War Resisters League advocates the creation of a non-violent society free of sexism, racism, militarism and all human exploitation;

Whereas, the Equal Rights Amendment must be ratified by three-fourths of the states prior to its incorporation;

Therefore, be it resolved that all future national gatherings of the War Resisters League will be held only in those states that have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment.

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raise it. Basically, what I'm arguing for is for WRL to be more assertive of its unique role when working with others. Others manage to maintain their identity and share their views when working in coalitions and we should do the same. We have a special role to play and unlike some others we can be open and above board in our actions. What we do should add strength to WRL as well as to the coalitions we support.

-Larry Gara
Wilmington, Ohio

Albuquerque WRL celebrated its 9th birthday in late March. Well, we didn't actually celebrate it. In fact, I think I was the only one to remember we even had a birthday.

Since our first days of Albuquerque WRL and regional organizing, we have always seen the nuclear weapons issue as primary to our overall program. Of course, our major thrust was the war, but being the birthplace of the nuclear bomb (at Los Alamos and Trinity site) we have always done work around nuclear weapons. In 1973 we had our first teach-in on the Atomic Energy Commission and linked the weapons issue to the problems of nuclear energy. At that time working with environmental groups and larger groups of people was much easier and the issue was not linked but actually one issue.

Something has happened since then but its really difficult to understand how or why. After the Continental Walk zipped through the city, WRL members gathered together and talked about future directions—nuclear seemed to be the emphasis—actions against uranium mining, nuclear waste and nuclear weapons. Surveys showed that 75-80% of New Mexicans opposed nuclear waste disposal in the state, but few organized around this issue. So in August, 1976 we held a Hiroshima Day march that linked the bombings in Japan with the intended waste disposal in Carlsbad. WRL then encouraged and began a study group to take on the issue on waste. Now a year and a half later nuclear waste disposal is one of the biggest and most talked about issues. A few weeks ago, we won the first major victory in the anti-nuclear movement in New Mexico's history. Chem-Nuclear, a commercial radwaste company withdrew their request for a waste site in Cimarron, New Mexico. The series of events leading to the withdrawal of the contract goes back to the organizing done by Citizens Against Nuclear Threats (CANT), a group WRL members helped to start in November, 1976 against nuclear waste. We, of course, can't take full credit for the victory. That is shared by the people of Cimarron, the large environmental groups and an outraged citizenry.

But the odd part of it all is we have had an extremely difficult time talking about nuclear weapons since the spring of 1977. In fact, the division within the group almost divided us completely and we still feel the results of that split. We find now that most environmentalists are insisting that nuclear weapons not be mentioned at all; if we did so we would do great damage to the building of the movement against waste. Some have gone to the point of asking us not to speak against Sandia Corporation (which is involved in the nuclear waste site in Carlsbad and also nuclear weapons research). Many of us in WRL see the importance in winning the waste disposal issue and to tone down on nuclear weapons, but we feel it is absolutely necessary to continually raise the issues of weapons. This has caused a big rift in coalition work. It keeps us from building a constituency and working on such things as the "Save Our Communities" program or the Transfer Amendment and even a decent peace conversion project. So, despite our efforts in maintaining the anti-nuclear weapons consciousness, we see it as a most difficult issue to build support around. It has throughly frustrated our members since many would rather work on the weapons than the waste.

A new development has now appeared which may change that. Last month it was announced that plans are being made to deploy the MX missile here in New Mexico. Although this is a gruesome thought, we are beginning to see it as an opportunity to begin talking again about the weapons connection. A local project that relates to New Mexicans and their link to the arms race. Many of us see this as a new beginning for WRL activities—like the work against Trident, the Seafarer and the UC weapons lab—we see the MX as a key to getting our message to people. We have learned from our work with the nuclear waste issue that we can educate people around something that effects their lives rather than something like the war that is thousands of miles away, or some legislation in Congress that they read about in the local paper. So that may be true of other WRL groups building and organizing around those issues which affect us not only nationally and internationally but in Clovis, Santa Fe, Carlsbad, Mora and Roswell. We see it as our chance to talk to people outside of our normal realm of activities. Peace conversion and Save Our Communities programs will hopefully flow from these more easily than the waste issue. They will be vital in talking with workers, Chicano and Native American groups in our area.

-Craig Simpson
Albuquerque WRL

NUKE MAPS—
THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

"I held a party a few weeks ago with many non-political folks present," writes Tim Madsen of Mankato, Minn. "What really surprised me was that the NUCLEAR AMERICA maps became the hit of the evening with many discussions resulting. I took a couple of orders for extra maps. Hopefully, our concerns regarding the development of dangerous nuclear power plants and the spread of nuclear bomb capabilities will increase among the 'general' populace in this area."

How about YOUR area? You can order the maps from WRL, 75¢ each, 5 to 24 for 50¢ each. Ever since the maps came out, WRL has been swamped with orders. Credit should go to Ed Hedemann who thought up the maps and designed them, with Grace's assistance.

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MYLAI DAY DEMO

Photo by Karl Bissinger.

On the 10th anniversary of the MyLai Massacre, despite an unseasonable blizzard, a picket demo was held at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. It called upon the U.N. to "help heal the wounds of war by contributing to the reconstruction of Vietnam" and pleaded for "No More MyLais."

Heading the line was a big blowup of the "...AND BABIES" color photo which appeared in LIFE Magazine at the time. 173 children, 182 women and 80 old men were slaughtered in what became, after its initial cover-up, the most publicized U.S. atrocity of the war.

"Though the number of persons killed in MyLai is not comparable to the thousands killed in Hiroshima, the MyLai Massacre and the dropping of atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki are U.S. atrocities that we cannot forget, and that always will evoke the horror of war," said the leaflets which were distributed.

The leaflets also publicized the district hospital now being erected by Friendshipment to serve some 130,000 people living in the MyLai area. The demo was initiated by WRL and supported by several other peace groups.

"TIS BETTER TO GIVE..."

You have already received David McReynolds' personal letter appealing for funds for the WRL. Some of you have given. Many thanks! To those of you who have not, please read David's letter again and then join the ranks of the "Tis Better To Give" Club.

ASHTON JONES IS AILING

Ashton Jones, longtime militant nonviolent actionist and WRLer, has been informed by doctors that he has cancer of the bone marrow. He also is suffering a break in one vertebra.

Though Ashton is 81 years old, he journeyed to Japan last summer to participate in the Walk to Hiroshima. In his lifetime, he has been beaten and jailed many times in individual actions for peace and for civil rights.

TRAINING SESSION IN CALIFORNIA

A 2-week training session in nonviolence and organizing will be held in northern California June 17-30. For further information, write the Resource Center for Nonviolence, PO Box 2324, Santa Cruz, Ca. 95063. WRL/West is participating.

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